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SUBJECT: LOS: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETTER

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SUMMARY: IN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S RECENT MESSAGE TO HIM ON LOS, FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS REPLIED EXPRESSING FIRM NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR STEPS NEEDED TO REACH AGREEMENT AT LOS CONFERENCE. FRYDENLUND ALSO INDICATES HE PLANS ATTEND UNGA SESSION AND EXPRESSES HOPE HE CAN MEET WITH SECRETARY WHEN THERE (OSLO 3829).
END SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ASKED EMBASSY SEPT 3 TO FORWARD HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO HIM OF AUGUST 28 ON LOS CONFERENCE. ORIGINAL OF FRYDENLUND'S LETTER BEING POUCHED.

TEX FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 28TH AUGUST REGARDING THE SITUATION AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

I WHOLLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW ARE IN A CRUCIAL STAGE AND THAT IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS.

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IN THE COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MEETING OF THE NORDIC FOREIGN

MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN 19-20 AUGUST, THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESS OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AND OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BEING MADE AT THE PRESENT SESSION WAS STRESSED. AT THE SAME TIME THE MINISTERS SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE HOLDING OF ANOTHER WORKING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IF THIS SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE WORK.

YOUR LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL, AS BEFORE, DO ITS UTMOST TO ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A SETTLEMENT BASED ON A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS WHICH COULD COMMAND BROAD SUPPORT AMONG THE WORLD'S NATIONS.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 26 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER. IF YOU SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING A SHORT TALK WITH YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS,
KNUT FRYDENLUND

END TEXT
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